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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/879,270	Applicant(s) KOGUT-O'CONNELL ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/12/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 August 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1 – 12 have been examined.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show "...database replicas temporarily stored in a queue awaiting replication (not shown)" as described in the specification on page 6, lines 19-20. Also, on page 6, lines 25-26, and on page 7, lines 16-17, these processes are also listed as '(not shown)'. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 5 line 24, it states, "...the Web key tool", should be the web key tool.

4. On page 6, line 12, it states that "...shares information with client systems..."

This is objected to because it is unclear which client system is being referenced, 114 or 116 as in Figure 1.

5. On page 8, line 6, a process is listed as "... (not shown) at step 222" when it is interpreted as being in fact mapped out and shown in Figure 2.

Appropriate corrections are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being a hybrid. Each claim is an apparatus depending from a method.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Adar (U.S. Patent 6,493,702).

8. As per claim 1, Adar teaches the use of identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred website links over a communications network via a web key tool, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a user client system to incorporate information relating to a website into said web key tool (Col. 10, lines 22-25);

selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by said web key tool wherein said option relates to said request to incorporate said information (Col. 6, lines 1-5);

associating said information with a category (Col. 7, lines 20-21);

transmitting said information to a central storage location associated with said web key tool, where in said information is processed (Col. 10, lines 10-12, lines 19-21);

saving approved information in said central storage location (Col. 10, lines 50-53);

updating related database files with respect to said approved information (Col. 7, lines 8-12);

providing access to said approved information via said communications network to authorized system users (Col. 5, line 42-44, lines 54-59).

9. As per claim 2, Adar teaches the method of claim 1, wherein:

said information relating to a web site includes a universal resource locator for said website, a description of said website, a web address of said web site, and a hypertext transfer protocol link (Col. 1, lines 27-39).

10. As per claim 3, Adar teaches the method of claim 1, wherein:

said associating said information with a category includes selecting a category from a list of pre-established categories provided by said web key tool (Col. 7, lines 27-30); and

~~creating a new category where no suitable category from said list of categories is~~
found (Col. 17, lines 28-30).

11. As per claim 4, Adar teaches the method of claim 1, wherein:

said approved information is accessible to said authorized system users via a web page (Col. 5, lines 62-67).

12. Claims 5 - 8 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 1 - 4 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

13. As per claim 9, Adar teaches a system for identifying, categorizing, and sharing preferred web site links over a communications network via a web key tool, comprising:

an organization, comprising of a server, a client, a data storage device for providing a centralized storage location for said preferred web site links, a network link for allowing said server, said client, and said data storage device to communicate with each other (Col. 5, lines 38-43, lines 54-57; Col. 10, lines 50-53)

a link to a second server, wherein said second server provides a source for said preferred web site links (Col. 5, lines 54-57).

14. As per claim 10, Adar teaches the system of claim 9, further comprising:

an administrative client for controlling access to said data storage device and managing operations provided by said web key tool (Col 5. 61-65).

15. As per claim 11, Adar teaches the system of claim 9, wherein:

said client system is executing a web browser software program (Col. 6, lines 1-3).

16. As per claim 12, Adar teaches the system of claim 9, wherein:

said web key tool is executed by said organization (Col. 5, lines 38-43 and 50-57).

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Khan (U.S. Patent 6,460,038) teaches of a system, method, and article of manufacture for delivering information to a user through programmable network bookmarks. Adams (U.S. Patent 6,334,145) teaches a method of storing and classifying selectable web page links and sublinks in reference to a user input. Mullen-Schultz, Gary Lee (U.S. Patent 6,393,462) teaches a method and apparatus for automatic downloading of URLs and web addresses from a primary computer.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas A. Martin whose telephone number is (703) 605-4352. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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